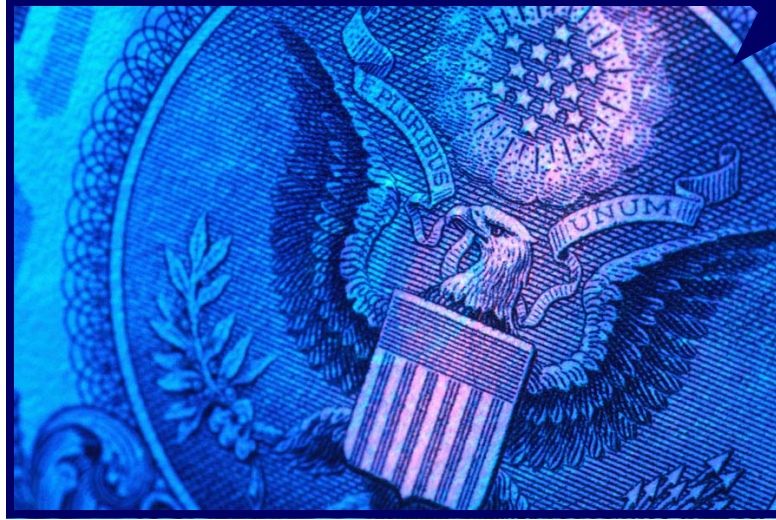


# The New Direction Congress:

## Restoring Accountability



### Pay-As-You-Go Budget Discipline– No New Deficit Spending

The 110th Congress has returned to the principle of pay-as-you-go budget discipline that produced historic budget surpluses during the Clinton Administration, but was abandoned under Republican leadership in the last six years. At the 11-month mark, the New Direction Congress has a 100% record of compliance on non-Iraq war spending: no new deficits!

The non-partisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget hailed the record: "[CRFB] is pleased that Congress has adhered to the principle of PAYGO. We believe that the requirement has forced Congress to face important budgeting tradeoffs and delay actions they were unwilling to pay for, all of which helps to prevent the budget picture from deteriorating."

This Congress will not pass billions of dollars of debt onto future generations. Democratic leadership has earned the mantle of fiscal responsibility with a strong record of:

- ★ Allowing no new deficit spending;
- ★ Balancing the budget by 2012-which the President's budget does not;
- ★ Passing legislation in the House to save U.S. taxpayers billions by cleaning up government contracting abuses, including getting rid of no-bid contracts;
- ★ Instituting unprecedented disclosure of which Members are requesting earmarked projects and who is benefiting, and dramatically cutting the number of earmarks; and
- ★ Uncovering billions of misspent taxpayer dollars in Iraq and the Gulf Coast region.